

Briefing for Alexis

EPA's letter to USBR on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan

- **Reason for sending this letter:** The governor's office asked CEQ to heard all the federal agencies. CEQ asked all the agencies in D.C. to submit their "Top Ten" concerns to USBR by July 5th.
- **CEQ's Role:** Regular "principals meeting" that were not transparent to the regional offices of the agencies, leading to misunderstandings about directions from D.C.
- **Region 9's discussions with OW and the Administrator:** We've been corresponding with R. Gorke, Phil Metzger, Ken K., Bob P. Most recently, we arranged a briefing b/w Jared and Bob P.
- **Region 9's discussions with other federal agencies:** Other regional agencies share our concerns, but they have not been communicating them to D.C.
 - The ADEIS is dense and not readable.
 - The range of alternatives may not be adequate.
 - Subjective judgments are made about potential impacts.
 - The "language is extreme in advocating for one alternative".
 - The programmatic information is not sufficient for permitting.